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Camp John W. Leaw
Dec. 20th. 1861.

Dear Mother & Sisters,

As I suspicioned I
get nothing but second
Sergeant, and others that
were promised sergiancies
get nothing at all, the boys
are all laughing as most
of them were promised some
kind of an office, It does
not disapoint me any,
I seen from the first ~~that~~
all that has hapened,
but I was sworn in and
have now to abide my fate,
it is all right but I am
afraid not the end of
it.

We expect a part of an other
Regt. in camp to fill our

next week it is the 79th
Regt. O.V. We keep our Colonel
and Major they get Lieut-
Colonel, ~~Adj~~ Adj't and
Dr. Master.

We have had splendid weather
ever since we have been here
and is still pleasant.

Swope, can never gain the
confidence of his men, they
don't respect him any more
they have lost all confidence
in him as an officer and
as a man. If there was
any chance for the boys to
elect their officers there
would be quite a change
made ~~am~~ amongst the
Commissioned officers -
I hardly know what to
write there is no excitement
in camp of any kind,
it is the same routine over

every day. I will eat and sleep.

Nothing more this time.

As ever

A. S. Bradley.

P. S. Tom, Channing, Boston and I went to Cincinnati the other day and was to have been back that night but Boston took sick and so we stayed all night. He has the disease of the heart and I think he will get a discharge, we expected to catch fits for staying over our time, but we thought of how we had been deceived so we concluded that turn about was fair - He did not say any thing.

A. S. Bradley.